

World-wide Intelligence Briefing

The Committee will come to order.

This afternoon the Committee will receive a briefing from the Intelligence Community on their findings and judgments on important military, political, and economic events throughout the world. This update will assist the Committee in its review of the Defense budget request for fiscal year 1990.

I would like to welcome Judge Webster here to present these views in his position as the Director of Central Intelligence.

Before we start, I must caution the members, witnesses, and staff that this briefing will be conducted at the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] security level. This is not a hearing on Judge Webster's budget or his intelligence operations --- both of which will be covered thoroughly at a later hearing. Consequently, any detailed discussion of intelligence sources and methods must be deferred. If any member wishes more information than our time permits on any particular subject discussed today, the Committee staff can arrange a separate briefing in the [REDACTED] of the Capitol.

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The CIA has prepared a written summary of today's briefing which will be placed in the record. In addition, each of the members has a list of the topics that I have asked Judge Webster to specifically address. Of course the members may ask anything that they desire within the security ground rules I mentioned.

Judge Webster, thank you for coming today. At this point I will ask you to introduce your colleagues and proceed with the briefing.

Briefing Topics

- Military, political, and economic developments in the Soviet Union
- Soviet unilateral arms reduction proposals
- Strategic and conventional arms control
- Geographic region update
 - Afghanistan
 - Central America
- Potential impact of US troop withdrawals from Europe and Korea
- Terrorism
- Drugs
- Additional topics of interest to Committee members, such as:
 - Middle East/Libya/PLO/etc.
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 - Impact of recent U.S. security compromises
 - 25X6
 - Chemical and biological weapons
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 - Status of new U. S. embassy in Moscow

*Dr. Kerr
can address
this subject.*

Not addressed in DCI testimony.